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Czechoslovakia-USSR: Czechoslovak party leader Dubcek has again warned of the dangers of irresponsible freedom of expression.

During a factory tour with visiting Rumanian party chief Ceausescu; Dubcek yesterday cautioned that order was necessary to give the country "freedom of action in our democratization progress."

Dubcek is concerned by the continued appearance in the Czechoslovak press of articles critical of the USSR. On 9 August the liberal Czechoslovak journal, Literarni Listy--less than 24 hours after Dubcek had cautioned self-restraint to the press--criticized the Soviets for their "psychological warfare" during the Czechoslovak-Soviet confrontation.

The Soviet Literary Gazette responded to the "provocative" Literarni Listy article in terms which suggest that Moscow considers the Czechoslovak press out of line with agreements made at Bratislava.

On 16 August Pravda reminded Prague of the foreign and domestic policy implications of the Bratislava agreement. It zeroed in on the outspoken Czechoslovak press and named the offending papers.

Thus far, however, the Soviet press has refrained from directly criticizing the Prague leadership--as it did in July--for failure to control the Czechoslovak press.

Dubcek is scheduled to meet with leading Prague editors today to explain the regime's concept of "freedom of the press." In the process, he will probably reiterate in stronger terms his two previously unheeded warnings to the writers to refrain from vindictive attacks on the Soviet Union. [redacted]

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